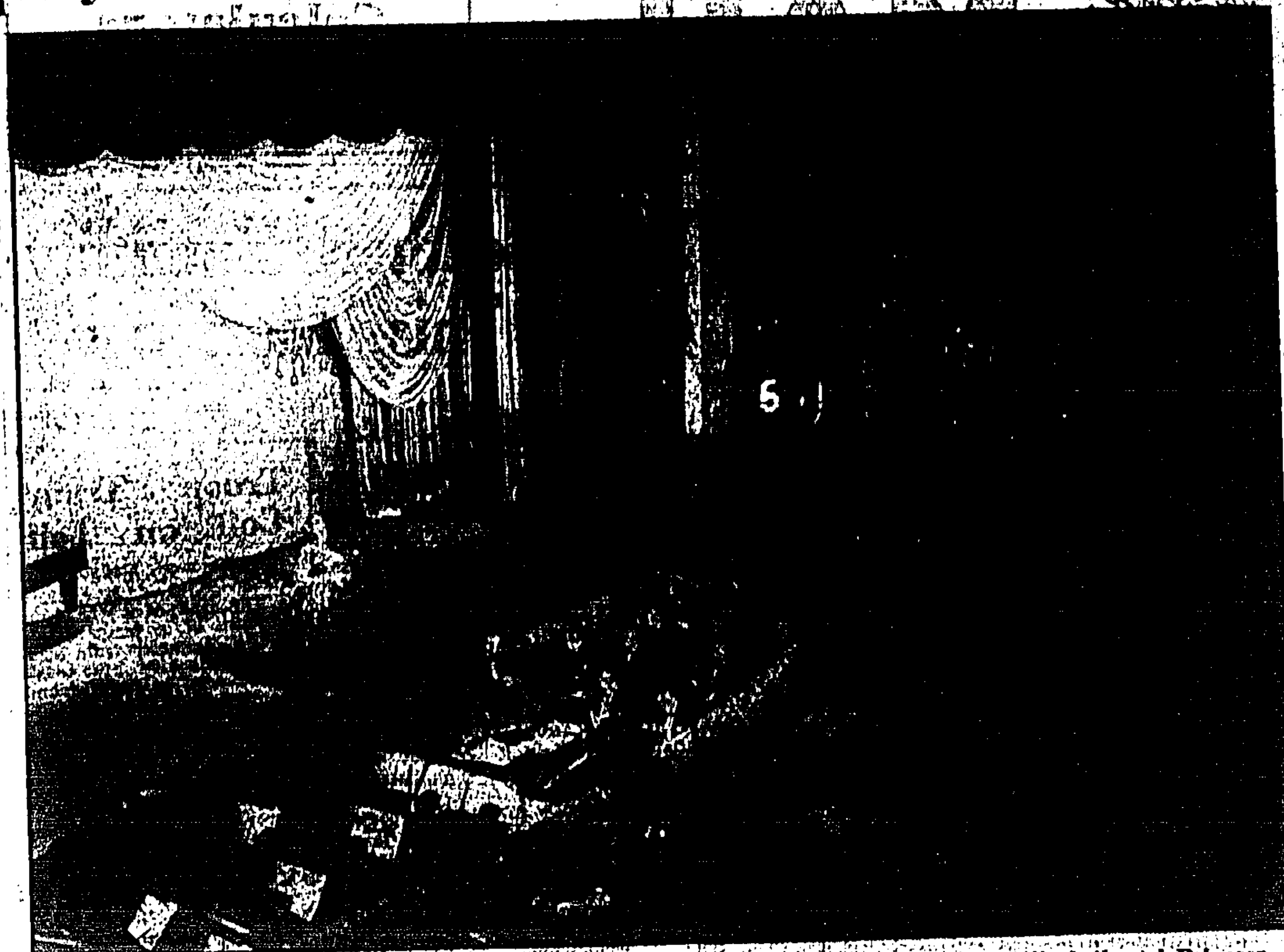






Gracie Fields Sings At Royal Command Show



Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by their daughters, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, attended the Royal Command Performance at the Palladium. Photograph shows Gracie Fields singing to the packed audience.

Harold Stassen To Visit H.K.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, will visit Hongkong next month on an air tour of Asia and South Africa for private study of economic and political conditions. His office said he would leave here on December 2 via Minneapolis and Anchorage and return on January 9 via Lisbon and London.—United Press.

Sharp UN Collision Over Taipei Charges

Lake Success, Nov. 22. Australia today joined the countries which oppose the establishment of a United Nations Commission to investigate Chinese Nationalist charges of Soviet aggression in China. Sir Keith Officer, Australian delegate, said in the resumed debate by the General Assembly's Political Committee that such a Commission "could serve little, if any, useful purpose."

REVIVAL OF JAPAN DISCUSSED

New York, November 22. The Times, in an editorial, said today that the Gray report, as far as it is related to Japan, tends to justify what has been regarded from time to time as rather over-optimistic appraisals of the Japanese situation from General MacArthur.

"The technical skill of the Japanese has long been acknowledged. It seems to be matched in view of this report by the amazing recuperative power. In the light of these conclusions the occupation policy whose political aspects have been most largely stressed would seem to have a sound economic foundation."

The promise that Japan may be in a solvent and even surplus position in a relatively short time raises another interesting question.

"It frequently has been assumed and often declared that Japan's economic future was hopeless without massive trade with China, Communist or otherwise. The bulk of that trade has not been restored up to this time and yet, Gray speaks confidently of the Japanese recovered position. Apparently, the Chinese market, often exaggerated in respect to the United States, is likewise not quite so critical in the case of Japan."

"In any event the prospect of a viable Japanese economy holds out several aspects of promise. A burden can be taken from the United States. A job in recovery can have been done. A revitalized Japan can be a stabilizing rather than disturbing force in Asia."—United Press.

Child King Not Recognised

New Delhi, Nov. 22. The Indian Government has decided not to recognise the new King of Nepal, three-year-old Prince Gyanendra. It was reliably understood here today. Prince Gyanendra is the grandson of ex-King Tribhuvan who fled to Delhi a fortnight ago. The young Prince has been enthroned as King in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu, by the ruling dynasty of hereditary Prince Ministers.—Reuter.

U.S. Anxiety Over Nepal

Washington, Nov. 22. The United States expressed to India today its "anxiety and concern" over the revolution in the independent kingdom of Nepal and asked New Delhi whether there was any threat of Communist invasion of this territory.

Authoritative sources said the American concern with the situation in this strategic area was expressed to the Indian Ambassador, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, by the assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George McGhee, during a brief conference at the State Department.

Madame Pandit, upon short notice, was asked to call upon Mr. McGhee to receive an American communication for the Foreign Office in New Delhi. The Indian Ambassador was said to have told McGhee that she would get him an official answer from New Delhi.—United Press.

Purely For Reasons Of Convenience!

London, Nov. 22. Mr. Hector McNell, British Secretary of State for Scotland, will fly to New York tomorrow morning with the Chinese Communist delegates to Lake Success.

In diplomatic quarters here it is believed that Mr. McNell, a former Minister of State at the Foreign Office, has been especially briefed to take full advantage of this opportunity to sound out the attitude of the Chinese delegation.

The plane in which they are to travel is understood to be a strato-cruiser, in which it is possible for them to move about and have drinks at the bar.

But officials in London said tonight that Mr. McNell was travelling via New York to Montreal, where he is to give a lecture, "purely for reasons of convenience."—Reuter.

DEMANDS DEBATE ON QUESTION OF ARMS SUPPLIES TO EGYPT

Mr Shinwell Makes Statement On Britain's Treaty Obligations

Discussion On Export Of Centurion Tanks

London, Nov. 22. Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservatives, and his deputy, Mr Anthony Eden, demanded in the House of Commons today that there should be a debate on the matter of arms supplies to Egypt.

Such a debate should be held as a matter of "urgent public importance," it was maintained.

Mr Churchill said that the export of vital war materials, vital to Britain at this stage, was involved. When the Speaker (Chairman), Colonel Clifton Brown, ruled against Mr Churchill's demand, Mr Churchill gave notice that his Party would seek the earliest opportunity to debate the issue.

Earlier, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, the Defence Minister, had made a statement that arms had been supplied or allocated to Egypt in accordance with Britain's obligations under the Anglo-Egyptian alliance.

These had included a limited quantity of ammunition, guns, armoured vehicles and spares, aircraft and naval supplies.

The release of such materials was authorised with due regard to the needs of Britain's own forces. Before the House adjourned tonight, Mr Reginald Paget (Labour) began a discussion on the export of arms and Centurion tanks and jet aircraft to Egypt.

He said that if the matter was urgent it should be dealt with now, and not in a week or two weeks' time. Mr Paget said that he personally was interested in "preventing these tanks going to Egypt."

Could Britain afford to part with equipment urgently needed for her own defence, he asked. Could she afford to let war potential of the most modern and powerful kind pass into the hands of a potential aggressor?

Mr Paget added, "Israel has been recognised by the British Government. It is a member of the United Nations. But Israel is a country which the Egyptian Government has been openly and flagrantly threatening. They have refused to make peace or to bring the present suspended armistice arrangements to a conclusion."

"What is the position if these tanks and these jet aircraft are driven on to Israel? If Israel is a victim of aggression are we going to resist aggression in Israel as we did in Korea? If so would our troops meet by these tanks and jet aircraft and our aircraft we are sending?"

"Is it safe to supply Egypt with these weapons, safe for our men?" Mr Paget asked. Egypt was one of the very few countries which opposed the application of force against aggression in Korea. Was that because she anticipated that she herself might be in the same position?

Mr Paget quoted King Farouk's speech calling for the evacuation of the Canal Zone and the unity of the Nile Valley. What was to be the position if the full measures to which King Farouk's Government were pledged were directed against British troops? he asked. What would the position be if, for instance, the fresh water canal were cut?

Mr Paget asked, "Is it too much to ask the Government that arms for Egypt shall be held back until the Minister of Defence is consulted as to whether they (the Government) can do with these arms for their own purposes?"

He commented, "As regards the possibility of a potential aggressor and as regards the possibility of a second round, we do not accept the fact that there is likely to be a second round and we do not look on Egypt as a potential aggressor." He reminded the House of a

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Philippines Next Target Of The Reds?

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 22. The Philippine Islands are the next target of the Communist "liberation" forces, according to a Manila Chronicle, predicted today. "He spoke before the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce that the Philippines are important to the American defence line in Asia. The Philippines follow the American type of democracy. If this democracy is destroyed, the Philippines will be a Communist satellite."—Reuter.

Soviet Bid To Seat Peking In U.N. Fails

Lake Success, Nov. 22. A new Soviet attempt to bring the Chinese Communists into the United Nations was defeated today.

The Trusteeship Council rejected a Russian demand to unseat the Chinese Nationalist delegate and invite a Peking representative to replace him in the Council.

Only Britain supported the Russian proposal. It was opposed by the United States, the Philippines, Iraq, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Australia, the Dominican Republic, and Nationalist China.

This Soviet proposal was presented at the opening of the Trusteeship Council meeting, which had been called to decide on the agenda and meeting place of the new Council session.

Mr. A. A. Soldatov (Russia) announced after the vote that the Soviet Union supported the Russian proposal. He said that the Soviet Union would not recognise the Nationalist Government of China.

Protest Note Ignored

London, Nov. 22. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today that he was still awaiting a reply to a protest note to Russia about intervention in the recent Austrian disturbances.

The British note, sent on November 10, alleged that Soviet intervention prevented the Austrian police from doing their duty. A full reply was expected today.

Mr. Bevin was answering a question by Mr. Ernest Bevin, a Conservative Member of Parliament, who asked: "Has the British Government received any reply to its protest note to Russia about intervention in the recent Austrian disturbances?"

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## Operation On Robert Taylor

San Francisco, Nov. 22. Robert Taylor, film star, underwent a two-hour abdominal operation at a hospital here today. His condition was announced as satisfactory. — United Press.

## New Elections Demanded By Schumacher

Welded, Nov. 22. The Socialist leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, encouraged by his party's victories in two state elections, today renewed demands for a new general election in Western Germany. Dr. Schumacher spoke today at a campaign meeting in Bavaria, where the new State Parliament will be elected on Sunday. Bavaria is the traditional stronghold of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Socialist Union. Strong gains for the Socialists in Sunday's voting would give considerable weight to the Socialist anti-rearmament campaign. — United Press.



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## Secretary Of State Justifies Decision Made By Malaya

### TYPHOON HAVOC IN VISAYANS

Manila, Nov. 23. The typhoon which swept the Visayan Islands in the Central Philippines and Northern Mindanao early this week killed six persons and destroyed about 500 houses, leaving more than 3,000 persons homeless, according to reports reaching Manila.

The reports are incomplete and the death toll may be higher when further information is received.

Damage was especially heavy in Bohol Island, where at least 300 houses were verified destroyed and about 1,500 persons made homeless, reports to the Red Cross in Manila said. Iloilo province also was hard hit. Red Cross relief operations are proceeding.

A sailboat from Dinagat Island was caught by the typhoon and wrecked in Surigao Strait. The boat's entire cargo of copra and corn was lost but its crew of 28 men were saved.

The Good Shepherd's Orphanage at Buenavista in Cebu, which houses 147 orphans and 61 babies, also was heavily damaged. Hundreds of fruit-bearing plants which helped support the children were destroyed.

Landslides were reported to be obstructing traffic at some places in Bohol. Telephone communications between Iloilo City and points north were disrupted by the storm.

Thirty houses were destroyed in Cebu City and 40 were damaged in Bacolod City, officials said. Red Cross workers have set up relief distribution centres at points throughout Bohol. — United Press.

### ACHESON ANSWERS CRITICS

Washington, Nov. 22. Mr. Dean Acheson revealed today that he has been consulting with Republican Congressional leaders on all phases of United States foreign policy and will be glad to confer with them, including Senator Robert Taft.

The State Secretary, target of mounting Republican criticism, also expressed the opinion that he will co-operate with the Republicans in the coming sessions of the Congress. He said that the session of the 81st Congress which reconvenes next Monday and the new 82nd Congress which meets on January 3rd. The Republicans have complained that Mr. Acheson excluded Republicans in the formation of policies for the Far East.

He sought to correct interpretations that his speech on Friday night about "re-examination" was an attack on Senator Taft. Senator Taft has called for Congressional re-examination of State Department policies. He complained that persons interpreted his speech as opposing Congressional re-examination of his policies. He said that continuing re-examination of his policies is what he wants. — United Press.

London, Nov. 22. Mr. James Griffiths, the Colonial Secretary, outlined in the House of Commons today steps which had been taken by the Government before the announcement of the new rubber tax was made on November 4. The tax is due to come into operation on January 1.

He was replying to questions from Mr. N. Macpherson (National Liberal) and Mr. Leonard D. Gammans (Conservative). Both of them wanted to know what consultations had taken place beforehand with rubber growers, packers and shippers and estate workers.

Mr. Griffiths said in reply: "Before the announcement of the new duty on November 4, a tentative scale was put forward at an informal meeting with representatives of the rubber industry on September 9. A letter was sent on September 12 to the United Planting Association of Malaya, the Malayan Estate Owners Association, the Malayan Planting Industry and Employment Association and the Chambers of Commerce. The letter was published in the local press. An open invitation to submit views was given in the Legislative Council, in which small owners are represented, on September 29. As a result, local representations from all sections of the rubber industry were received and considered."

"Further consultations with the industry is now proceeding locally," Mr. Griffiths added that a communiqué had been published. Mr. Griffiths added that these representations were now being considered.

WHAT JUSTIFICATION Mr. Gammans then asked: "What then is the justification for the statement made at Kuala Lumpur by the rubber associations that no real consultations took place before the price was fixed?"

Mr. Griffiths replied: "I hope I have proved to the House that there were ample consultations. Mr. James Harrison (Labour) asked: 'May we take it that the Colonial Secretary does not accept the idea that the imposition of a tax was wrong and improper in the circumstances?'"

Mr. Griffiths replied: "I think the Government and the people of Malaya are entitled to increase their revenue from this increased prosperity, and they need the money badly because of the present emergency. Mr. Gammans then asked the Colonial Secretary if he was aware of the grave risks of the smuggling of rubber to Siam and Indonesia as a result of the wide differential between the internal and external value of rubber which would arise from the imposition of the new rubber duty; and if he was satisfied that adequate service was available to prevent it."

RISK OF SMUGGLING Mr. Griffiths: "There is some risk of smuggling of rubber to Thailand, but in view of the limited scale of communications it is not considered it could reach considerable proportions. 'There is no immediate likelihood of the differentiation in duty providing any inducement for smuggling rubber to Indonesia.' Mr. Gammans: 'If the duty is fixed at anything like the level now suggested, the difference in price between Malaya, Indonesia and Thailand will be enormous and smuggling will spring up on a very large scale.' Mr. Griffiths: 'The fact that there is a risk of smuggling is no conclusive reason against the new duty.'

Gibraltar, Nov. 22. A salute of 21 guns greeted the Duke of Edinburgh when he arrived here from Malta by air this afternoon. He flew in a Vickers Viscount, escorted by four Royal Air Force Halifax bombers. — Reuters.

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Full opportunity for local discussion was being given, and it was possible that the question might be raised by members in the Legislative Council, which is now in session. — Reuters.

Ex-convicts Suspected Of Beating Fairfield, Conn. Nov. 22. Ex-convicts Joseph Jarasko, 31, and Stanley Sull, 32, were sought on Wednesday as suspects in the savage beating of Mrs. Idonah Slade Perkins, 65.

The socially prominent estranged wife of a Manila attorney identified pictures of the two men from her hospital bed. She told the police, according to Lieutenant Christian Schick, they "looked her for a ride" and left her for dead beside the highway.

Sull, described by the police as a South Norwalk real estate man, was paroled from the State prison in 1945 after serving eight years of a 15 to 20 years armed robbery sentence.

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## BIG FIVE MEETING SOUGHT BY WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

Warsaw, Nov. 22.

The "World Peace Congress" closed its six-day session here today with a call for a meeting of the five Great Powers to "discuss and iron out current difficulties."

A long manifesto declared that "the power of the peace-loving people throughout the world is great enough and the voices of free men strong enough for us to secure a speedy meeting of the Great Powers."

The Congress decided to appoint a "World Council for Peace" composed of peoples of all nations, and to "draw the attention of the United Nations to its existence."

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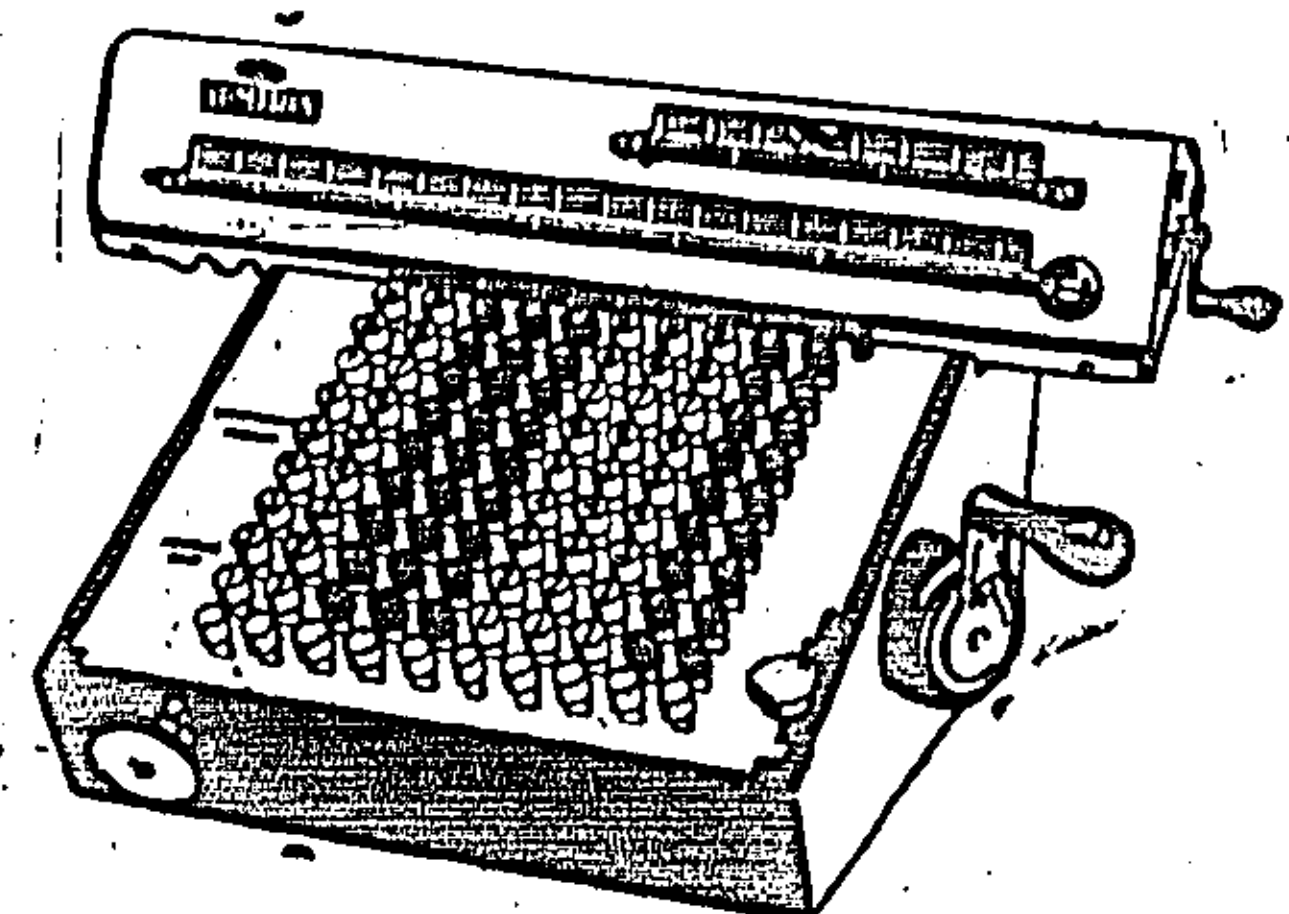


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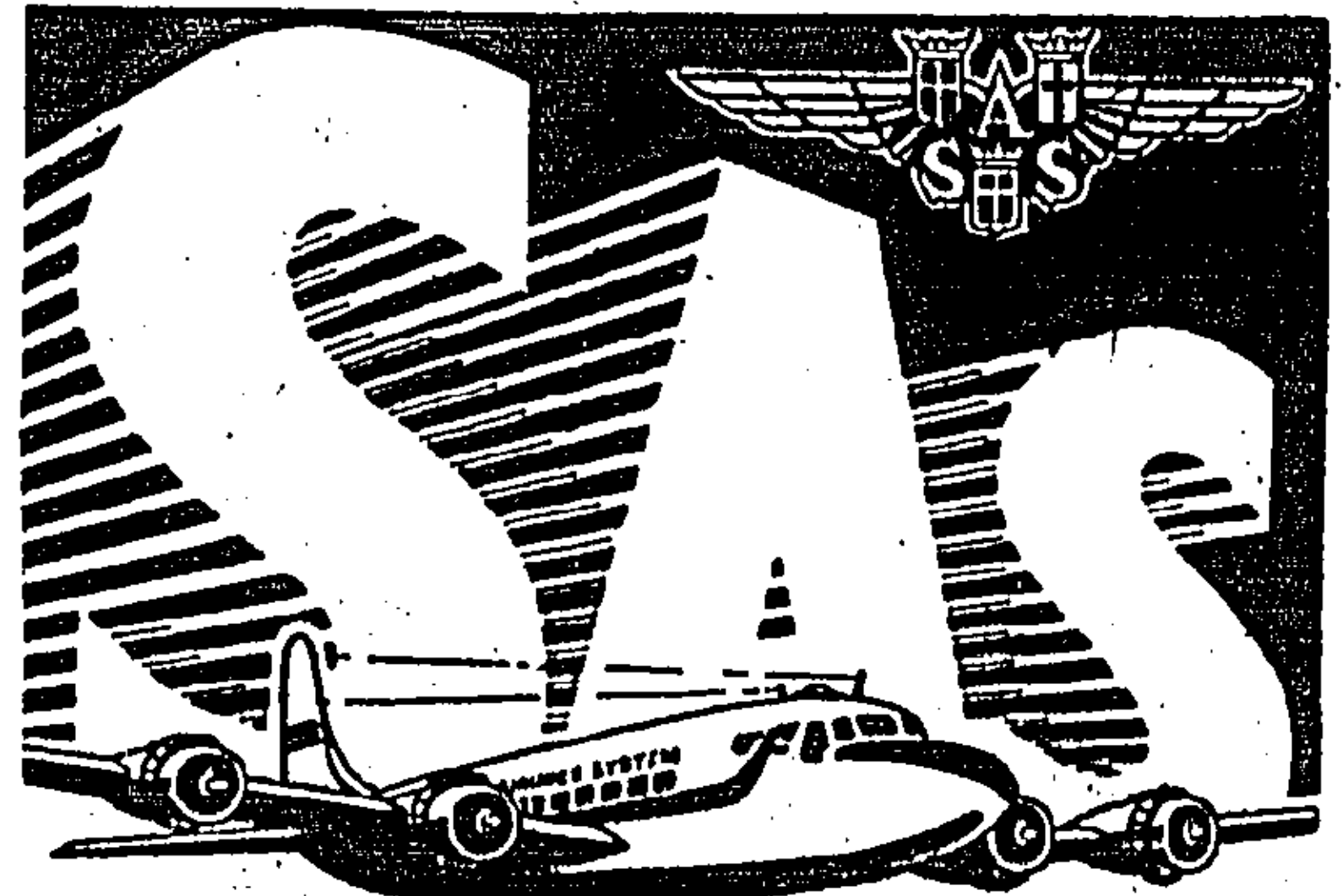


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# Who gets the easy life in RUSSIA?

by ..... Richard Jones

**R**EMEMBER the Dynamos—the Soviet wonder football team that visited England just after the war? I was one of the privileged 80,000 who saw them open the season this year.

What an eye-opener it was! Nothing else during the whole of my year's stay in Russia revealed to me, as this event did, the enormous gulf that exists between the top and lower layers in this so-called workers' paradise.

From gleaming, chauffeur-driven cars—the last word in Soviet automobiles—stepped well-groomed party bosses, big business executives, factory directors, combine presidents—the new bureaucratic tiers of Russia—smugly confident and smiling in their prosperity.

In their wake trailed bevy of stylishly dressed women. Jostling with them for their places (at 25s. a time) were goldbrilliant, heavily bedecked Red Army officers in olive green tunics and dark blue breeches, members of the Diplomatic Corps in their distinctive light grey uniforms, and thousands of other uniformed denizens of this strange city.

Goggled-eyed, disillusioned if you like, I stood on the day of this astonishing parade for half an hour before I turned to my Russian colleague and expressed my astonishment.

### 'With the job'

"These cars," I queried. His reply was simple but expressive. "Oh, they're with the job."

Quite a lot of things "go with the job" in the country where equality is considered a bourgeois virtue. There are at least seven steps in the social ladder which leads to the Kremlin—just supposing any ordinary Russian mother were asked enough to imagine that her son might one day don the mantle of Russia's Dictator.

Soviet society, Stalin would have us believe, consists of only two classes—workers and peasants. From bitter experience countless millions of his subjects know differently.

They see highly privileged groups enjoying lives which make a mockery of Stalin's assurance that they enjoy "equal rights in all spheres of the economic, political, social and cultural life of the country."

They see all the old layers of society back again—the ruling class, the party aristocrats, and the pampered courtiers of the Kremlin.

Who are these privileged people?

### At the top

Atop of the pyramid, of course, are Comrade Stalin and the 13 members of the Politburo. These are the omnipotent men.

I have stood on a corner of the busy Arbat Square and watched millions at 100-yard intervals literally sweep the road from the Kremlin in readiness for one of the great to pass.

But neither I nor anybody else ever caught as much as a solitary glimpse of the distinguished occupant sitting in the black, high-powered car that flashed by with its escort of secret police.

Nor was it because the car was travelling too fast; discreetly curtained side windows completely hid the Kremlin passenger from view as he sped on his way to Moscow's "no-man's-land," the vast wooded estate in which Russia's lords have their dachas, or country homes. It is aptly called "no-man's-land" because no member of the public dare set foot within miles of it.

It is cordoned off by police, a banned area even to foreign diplomats.

### Lesser stars

On the outer belt live the lesser stars, the top ranking party bosses, chiefs of Government departments and factory executives, men who earn in

the region of "100,000 roubles a year (or roughly £10,000 per annum), plus a town flat and car with chauffeur."

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It's tough going to reach this rung of the ladder, but tougher still to keep a firm footing.

He's only got to deviate from the party "line" once and he's had it—dacha, flat, car, and everything else.

Second only to the ruling hierarchy are the chiefs of the Red Army, a generic term that covers all three services.

A Red Army officer belongs to the elite of Soviet society.

Well paid, sophisticated, particularly if he has served in Germany or Austria, he forms the cream of Moscow's cafe society.

From the West he and his comrades have brought back the latest ideas in feminine fashions, so that their wives and sweethearts, when they go to the ballet or the smarter dining-out places, contrast oddly with the stay-at-homes.

Even so, the Bolshevik-Moscow's most exclusive theatre—never witnessed a stranger sight than that of a pretty young woman wearing a daring crepe de Chine negligee—a gift from Berlin—under the impression that it was the latest in evening wear!

She was certainly much admired.

### Most favoured

Although Stalin has roundly declared that the intelligentsia of Russia have never been a class, they nevertheless occupy a third place in the present Soviet society.

They are easily the most

favoured class of all, and fortunate is he or she who can make the grade.

So long as "the masters of the word, the brush, the stage and music" sing the praises of the regime loud enough they can have everything they want—except freedom of thought.

This particularly applies to top-flight actors, authors, ar-

**THE MAN FROM MOSCOW**—Richard Jones was the editor of the Embassy magazine British Ally in Moscow

### Lucky ones

Pride of place in this social scale is occupied by members of the exclusive Academy of Sciences, whose yearly pay ranges between 200,000 and 250,000 roubles. Cash bonuses make membership of this privileged club highly desirable.

What more natural than that these lucky ones should monopolize the opportunities of self-advancement for their sons and daughters?

Take any Russian university, and count the number of workers' children admitted into the ranks of the up-and-coming intelligentsia.

They are few and far between. Which is surprising when you consider that the lower middle classes—the fourth stratum of the new Soviet society—comprise the most homogeneous collection of the lot.

In it you have the lesser lights of the stage and screen merging with Stakhanovites, and brigade leaders, lawyers, doctors, and professors mingling with the technical and industrial intelligentsia.

## First Briton to Fight the Japs Has A Lucky Escape

# OUT OF THE BLUE

By "ICARUS"

International Squadron, December 14, 1937

**I**T was very still and quiet high up there in the cloudless sky after the chute cracked open. Swinging in that vast emptiness between heaven and earth, a great calm came over me after the roar and rattle of the dog-fight. Spread out fifteen thousand feet below stretched the placid Central China countryside, like some great market-garden broken everywhere by little sheets of water which lay around the margin of blue Foyang Lake. My right arm hung useless.

It did not hurt at all, but it had stopped working after that sudden hard punch in the shoulder as I'd moved in on the big green wing-bomber ten minutes before. Then the nine Jap scouts had come down on the three of us—Omer Polvre, Johnnie Chan and myself—our old Hawk III divebombers not much against their sleek Nippon built Dowditchs. With one hand to work both throttle and stick and guns, three tough Nippon navy pilots can be an awful crowd. That was what, ten minutes later, I was floating slowly down, and thanking my lucky stars that it was over.



Suddenly there came a screaming roar. A dark green blur flashed into my field of vision as I dangled. Rat-tat-tat... rat-tat-tat-tat-tat! So they were not going to leave me alone after all. The Emperor needed an offering, and a pilot

who gets down may fight again! Struggling, by some effort of strength, summoned from goodness-knows-where I heaved up and caught the shrouds about eighteen inches above my head with my left hand. Miraculously I managed to do it again, and again. Now the white canopy of the chute was no more level and even. It was slipping swiftly sideways and I felt the cold blast of the wind against my bare cheek as my goggles whipped back. But they were still coming. One after the other, each chattering out a staccato burst of about twenty-five rounds before he pulled up to let the next have a go.

There was no doubt that they had won. It would not be very painful and it would be very soon. I stopped thinking about the Japs at all. Through my mind there passed pictures of life at home far away from China and I saw relatives and friends very vividly. I was growing weaker from my wound. No left hand and no more strength to drag down the shrouds and slip the chute. I knew that once I lost my grip the canopy would billow up, and the slowed fall would make me an easy target. But there was just nothing I could do about it now. I let go, and fell three feet, or so before the released silk lines pulled me up—just as the Jap leader fired.

Silence! There was still a sound of engines, but their drone was dying in the distance. No more machine-gunning. Wonderfully they had left me. I looked down with new hope. The ground was very close now. Half a mile, half way. For the first time I tried to estimate the speed of my decent. I had never jumped before. Then I

looked up—and froze with horror. There was no more that smooth round alken bulge, symmetrical about the circular central airvent. Nothing but a mass of ragged ribbons hanging together. The bullets that had missed me had not missed the chute. It was riddled (more than six hundred holes were afterwards counted.)



A feeling of panic swept over me. How fast must I be falling? The ground seemed to be coming up very fast indeed; I waited for the bone-shattering shock that would wipe me out. But nothing happened at all. Gently as a falling leaf my feet hit solid earth between two small lakes. I sank with the chute to the soil and my strength left me completely. Only my brain stayed crystal clear. From above the dykbanks and rice-field ridges heads began to pop up a few dozen yards away. The country people were scared of the strange visitor. Minutes went by before a Chinese private advanced cautiously towards my limboed form, with a long-barrelled Mauser at the ready.

He held the muzzle about a yard from my face, looked very frightened, but very determined. I smiled at him and tried my smattering of Chinese. "Friend," I got out, "English friend." He smiled too, then at last I could relax. He called the farm folk and they came rushing across the paddy. Some of them hurried to make a litter under his orders. It was alright, they said. The schoolteacher had grinned hugely, maybe some English wine too. If I was going to die, I thought, it would not be too bad, and here among friends again. Better than being blasted out of the lonely sky.

## Science At The 1951 Festival

By IAN COX

Science Director for the Festival of Britain

**T**HAT science is international is the generally held belief in Britain. To this international store of knowledge and experience, however, Britain has contributed at least as much as any other country; it is natural, therefore, that science will occupy a proud place in the Festival of Britain 1951.

which has no specialist training. Three projects in particular are designed, in whole or part, for its display. Two of them are in London—the Thames Bank Exhibition, and the Exhibition of Science in South Kensington while in Glasgow there will be an Exhibition of Industrial Power.

The Thames Bank Exhibition is the largest ever to employ the narrative technique. It tells the story of two forces—the initiative of the People, and the resources of their land—acting together to engender the contributions to civilisation of which the British are justly proud.

### Visual Examples

It will be shown, too, that this combination is as potent and creative as ever it was, and that the future of Britain is well founded on the continuing achievements of her scientists, industrialists, technologists and designers. The story will largely be told through visual examples drawn from science and industrial design.

The opportunities for the display of science during next year are twofold. On the one hand, it forms an important element in a number of officially organised exhibitions which are the responsibility of the Festival of Britain Office, a Government Department brought into being specially for the purpose. In addition to this it will be the subject of special sessions and conferences arranged by learned institutions and societies.

### Recent Advance

It is possible already to instance some examples of these. In Edinburgh, Scotland, the British Association meeting will be specially planned to make a full contribution to the Festival. In London, the Royal Society of Medicine the leading scientific medical society of the British Commonwealth with an international membership—is arranging a number of meetings at which men and women who have contributed notably to the recent advance of medicine in Britain will themselves give an account of their work. These will take place from May until the beginning of July.

The Institutions of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers are inviting experts from all parts of the world to a ten-day conference which will meet successfully in London, Glasgow, Scotland, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the county of Northumberland. Similarly, the Institutions of Civil Mechanical and Electrical Engineers are arranging a joint conference with a wide programme that will last about a fortnight in the beginning of June.

The conference arranged by another Institution, the British Radio Engineers, extends over the whole of the Festival period. The range of subjects for discussion is a wide one and includes, for example, the specialist aspects of electronic instrumentation and of television reception and transmission. The latter will be the subject of a summer school to be held in Downing College, Cambridge.

### Three Projects

Such activities as these will be numerous and varied, and will be mainly of interest to visitors who are themselves scientists or technologists. They are, of course, essentially the concern of the learned Societies and Institutions, but the Festival Office is able to prevent overlap in the date of these activities, and will ensure that plans are sufficiently advanced for this comprehensive programme is issued.

In the official exhibitions in 1951, on the other hand, science will be displayed primarily to that large section of the public given to these other British discoverers who have, as it were, towards gradual revealing between them, secrets of the architecture of behaviour of matter and ultimately making possible such achievements as electronic television, synthetic drugs, plastics, steam power, or the many results of nuclear machinery.

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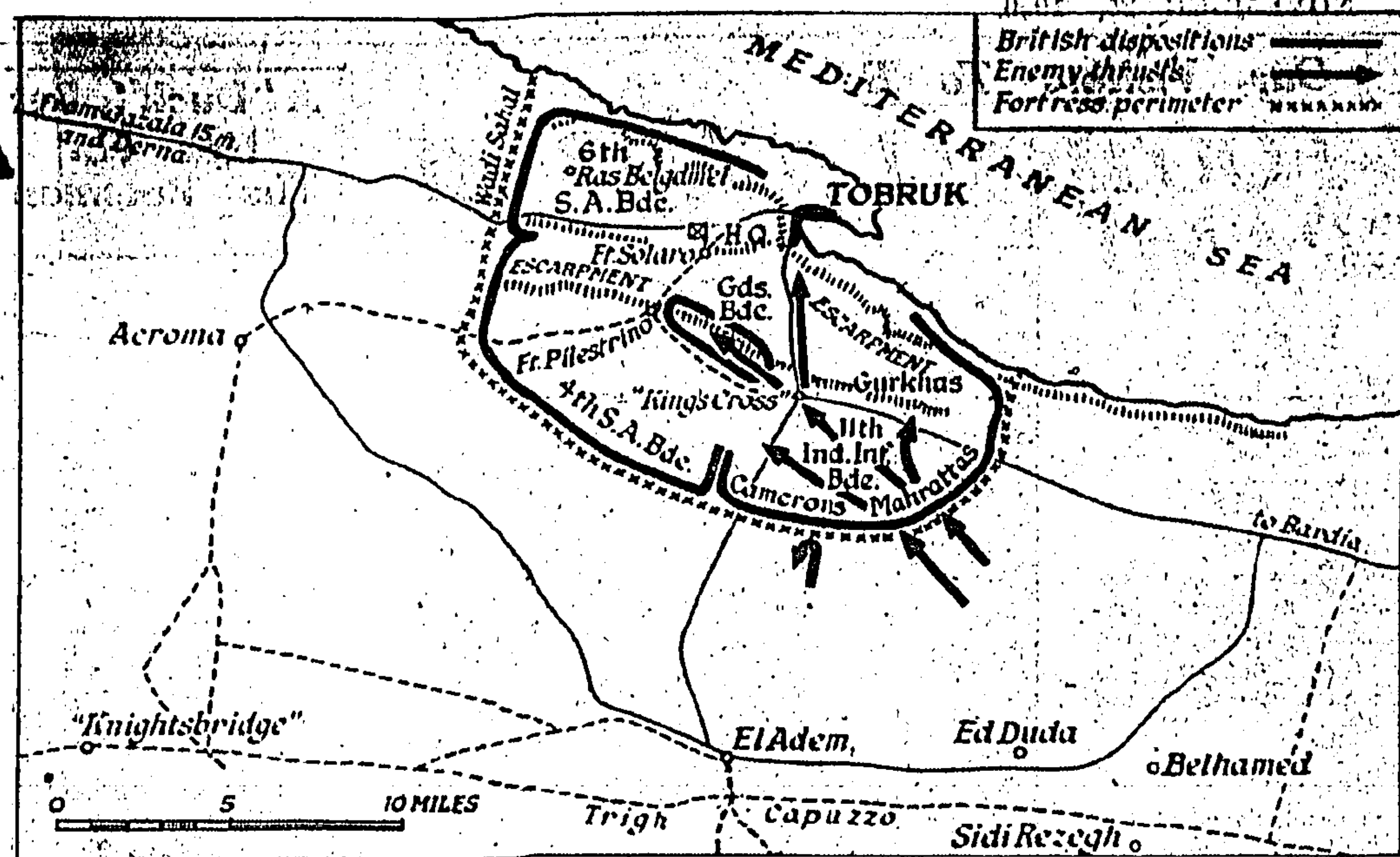


**TAIKOO SUGAR**



### Capital punishment





# HOW ROMMEL'S FORCES OVERRAN TOBRUK

By Winston Churchill

It had been the Cabinet view that even if the Eighth Army were beaten back Tobruk should remain a thorn in the enemy's side, and as late as June 18, 1942, Mr. Churchill had been assured by Gen. Auchinleck that Gen. Ritchie would leave sufficient troops to hold it "even should it become temporarily isolated."

**GEN. KLOPPER**, commanding the 2nd South African Division, was placed in charge of the fortress. Supplies and ammunition were sufficient for 90 days, and Gen. Klopper was confident that Tobruk could play its part in the plan, which included the retention by the Eighth Army of the strong points of El Adem and Belhamed outside the perimeter.

The garrison included our infantry brigades (14 battalions), a tank brigade and 61 infantry tanks, five regiments of field and medium artillery, and about 100 anti-tank guns. In addition there were about 10,000 men in administrative and transport units centred round the port and base installations. In all a total of about 35,000 men were within the perimeter, a force very similar in size to that which had held Tobruk when it was first besieged a year before.

After a lull of only two days, on June 18 Rommel renewed his offensive. In a series of rapid moves he took El Adem, Belhamed, and Acroma. On June 19 he defeated our 4th Armoured Brigade at Sidi Rezegh, reducing them to a strength of only 20 tanks. By the 19th Tobruk was isolated and surrounded, and until tank reinforcements came to hand there was no effective armoured force to support or relieve the garrison from outside.

## Panzer attack

At 6 a.m. on June 20 the enemy opened a heavy bombardment with guns and dive-bombers on the southeastern part of the Tobruk perimeter, held by the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade. Half an hour later the attack was launched, led by the 1st Panzer Division, supported by the 15th Panzer Division, together with the Italian armoured division and a motorised infantry division.

With our own armour outside Tobruk temporarily disposed of, Rommel could afford to put his full weight into this single blow, fell mainly on a battalion of the Indian Brigade in a sector where the defences were at their weakest. They were soon completely penetrated. No fighter protection could be given to our troops as our Air Force was withdrawn to distant landing grounds.

Gen. Klopper ordered a counter-attack by his tanks and part of the Coldstream Guards. This was hastily organised and decided to be a "shambles." All remaining British tanks were torn into the cauldron south of the road junction called "Knightsbridge," where the enemy's main force was waiting. It was of no avail. By 10 a.m. only a handful of tanks remained, and our position was hopeless.

At 2 p.m. Rommel himself was there. He ordered one group directly on to Tobruk. It suffered heavily from artillery fire, but reached the Solaro ridge at 3.30 p.m., and by 6 p.m. was on the outskirts of Tobruk. Another group was sent due west from King's Cross, along the ridge towards Pilastrino, where they met the Guards Brigade hastily forming front to meet attack from this unexpected direction.

All that afternoon and evening the Guards Brigade, strongly supported by every battery that could be mustered, fought a stern battle and suffered heavy losses. Some ground was lost and the brigade headquarters was captured, but at nightfall the enemy had been brought to a halt. The situation was parlous.

The western and southern sides of the perimeter were intact and the Gurkhas on the extreme left were holding out, but the enemy were in possession of a great part of the Tobruk fortress. All our reserve troops were pinned down. Demolition was ordered of the closely threatened base installations. In Tobruk itself the reserve of transport, necessary for the removal of the garrison to be evacuated, was immobilised and soon to be destroyed.

## Fighting hard

At 8 p.m. on June 20 General Klopper reported to Eighth Army Headquarters: "My H. Q. surrounded. Infantry on perimeter still fighting hard. Am holding out, but I do not know how long." He asked for instructions, and was told: "Come out tomorrow night preferably. If not, tonight. He called his senior officers to conference and asked their views."

Some said that effective resistance was no longer possible. With the main supplies in enemy hands ammunition was running short, to continue fighting meant heavy casualties to no purpose. Let all who could break out. But others were for fighting on. The transport, without which escape was not possible, had been captured. There was hope that a relieving column might come from the south. Let what remained be concentrated in the south-west corner of the perimeter and fight on till relieved.

At 2 a.m. the moon set and a break-out through the minefields, even if hitherto practicable, became impossible. Gen. Klopper held a radio telephone conversation with Gen. Ritchie and told him that the situation was a "shambles." If resistance were continued, terrible casualties would result; he was "doing the worst." Gen. Ritchie instructed him:

"Every day and hour of resistance materially assists our cause. I cannot tell the tactical situation, and must therefore leave you to act on your own judgment regarding capitulation. The whole of the Eighth Army has watched with admiration your gallant fight."

## Capitulation

At dawn on the 21st Gen. Klopper sent out a parlementaire with an offer to capitulate, and at 7.45 a.m. German officers accepted his surrender. His orders were received by many of his troops, some of whom had hardly been engaged, with incredulity and dismay. To some of his commanding officers he had to issue personal instructions, for they would accept them from no other source. According to German records 22,000 of our men were taken prisoner.

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## Axis plans

The news of the capture of Tobruk without the need of a long siege revolutionised the Axis plans. Hitherto it had been intended that after Tobruk was taken Rommel should stand on the Egyptian frontier and that the next major effort should be the capture of Malta by air-borne and seaborne forces. As late as June 21 Mussolini reiterated these orders. The day after Tobruk fell Rommel reported that he proposed to destroy the small British forces left on the frontier, and thus open the way to Egypt. The condition and morale of his forces, the large captures of munitions and supplies, and the weakness of the British position prompted pursuit "into the heart of Egypt."

He requested approval. A letter also arrived from Hitler, pressing Rommel's proposals upon Mussolini. The Duce needed no persuasion. Elated at the prospect of conquering Egypt, he postponed the assault on Malta till the beginning of September, and Rommel—now a Field-Marshal, rather to Italian surprise—was authorised to occupy the relatively narrow passage between Alamela and the Qattara Depression as the starting-point for future operations whose final objective was the Suez Canal.

Hitler himself has not been confident of success against Malta, as he mistrusted the

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## The pursuit

Rommel swiftly organised his pursuit, and on June 24 crossed the frontier to Egypt, opposed only by our light mobile columns, and the stubborn and magnificent fighters of the Royal Air Force, who really covered the retreat of the main body of the Eighth Army to Matruh.

Their position here was not strong. About the town itself there was an organised defensive system, but south of it only some lines of unconnected minefields inadequately guarded. The Matruh line, if it were to be successfully held, needed a powerful armoured force to guard its southern flank. The 1st Armoured Division, though now rebuilt to nearly a hundred tanks, was not yet capable of such a task.

Gen. Auchinleck himself came forward to Matruh on June 25 and decided to take over direct

## CHAPTER TWENTY OF "THE HINGE OF FATE," MR. CHURCHILL'S FOURTH BOOK OF SECOND WORLD WAR MEMOIRS.

operational command of the Army from Gen. Ritchie. He should have done this when I asked him to in May.

Prime Minister to Gen. Auchinleck.

28 June 42. I am very glad you have taken command. Do not vex yourself with anything except the battle. Fight it out wherever it flows. Nothing matters but destroying the enemy's armed and armoured forces. A strong stream of reinforcements is approaching. We are sure you are going to win in the end.

Gen. Auchinleck quickly concluded that it was not possible to make a final stand at Matruh. Arrangements were already in hand for the preparation and occupation of the Alamela position 120 miles farther back. To halt the enemy, if only for a time, the following dispositions were made: The 10th Corps, with the 10th Indian and 50th British Infantry Divisions, held the Matruh defences.

Further south, under command of the XIIth Corps, were the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade, covering a six-mile gap in the minefields, and the New Zealand Division. The 1st Armoured Division and the 7th Armoured Division guarded the desert flank. The New Zealand Division, which had arrived at Matruh from Syria on June 21, were at length moved on the 28th into action on the ridge.

## Broke clear

That evening the enemy broke through the front of the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade, where the minefield was incomplete. The next morning they streamed through the gap, and then, passing behind the New Zealanders, encircled and attacked them from three sides. Desperate fighting continued all day, and at the end it seemed that the division was doomed.

Gen. Freyberg had been severely wounded. But he had a worthy successor. Brig. Inglis was determined to break out. Shortly after midnight the 4th New Zealand Brigade moved due east across country with all its battalions deployed and bayonets fixed. For 1,000 yards no enemy were met. Then firing broke out. The whole brigade charged in line.

The Germans were taken completely by surprise and in hand-to-hand fighting under the moon were routed. The rest of the New Zealand Division struck south by circuitous routes. This is how Rommel has described the episode.

The wild flare-up which ensued involved my own battle headquarters. The exchanges of fire between my forces and the New Zealanders reach an extraordinary pitch of intensity. Soon my headquarters were surrounded by burning vehicles, making them the target for continuous enemy fire at close range. I had enough of this after a while, and ordered the troops with the staff to move back southwards. The confusion reigning on that night can scarcely be imagined.

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Thus the New Zealanders broke clear, and the whole division was reunited in a high state of discipline and ardour near the Alamela position 20 miles away. So little had been done, but organised that they could be used forthwith to stiffen the defences at Alamela.

The XXXth Corps had been withdrawn earlier to Alamela. When joined there by the Xth and XIIth Corps the whole army, on June 30, was ranged on or behind the new position. The troops were amazed rather than depressed.

## Flanks secure

The Alamela position runs from the railway station of that name to the impassable Qattara Depression, 35 miles to the southward. This was a long line the forces available to hold. Much work had been done, but except for semi-permanent fortifications around Alamela itself the line consisted chiefly of disconnected works. The flanks, however, were secure, and the Eighth Army had been strongly reinforced. The New Zealand Division was in perfect order after the line action it had fought. The 9th Australian Division was also soon to arrive and win high distinction.

With the advantage of short communication, and with Alexandria only 40 miles away, the Eighth Army did not take long. Auchinleck, once in direct command, seemed a different man from the thoughtful strategist with one eye on the decisive battle and the other on the vague and remote dangers in Syria and Persia. He sought at once to regain the tactical initiative.

As early as July 2 he made the first of a series of counter-attacks which continued until the middle of the month. These challenged Rommel's precarious ascendancy. I sent my encouragement, on the morrow of the vote of censure debate [in the House of Commons on July 1 and 2], which had been an accompaniment to the cannonade.

## Battle swayed

Prime Minister to Gen. Auchinleck.

July 4, 1942. I cannot help liking very much the way things seem to be going. If fortune turns I am sure you will press your advantage, as you say, "relentlessly."

Auchinleck's counter-attacks pressed Rommel very hard for the first fortnight of July. He then took up the challenge, and from July 18 to July 20 renewed his attempts to break the British line. On the 21st he had to report that he was checked: "The crisis still exists." On the 26th he was contemplating withdrawal to the frontier. He complained that he had received little in the way of reinforcements; he was short of men, tanks and artillery; the British Air Force was extremely active.

And so the battle swayed back and forth until the end of the month, by which time both sides had fought themselves to a standstill. The Eighth Army under Auchinleck had weathered the storm, and in its stubborn stand had taken 7,000 prisoners. Egypt was still safe.

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In short, they have a lot of homework, much more than the little girls do. Therefore, they can't go for their two points with as much determination as the schoolgirls do, lest it be that they come two short of a passing mark somewhere else.

Yet their coach, Interceptor S. N. Ponniah, thinks

they will play better as the season moves on. They have yet to learn to move together as a team and if the KGVs 2nd XI beat them 2-0, one doesn't know yet what the margin will be when the KGVs 2nd XI steamroller takes on all the other girls who don't have any homework at all.

They are, as they take the field: The defence—Joyce Avasia, Anna Graham-Cumming and Eleanor Smart, with Coach Ponniah. The half-back line—Sylvia Loo, Marion Ahwee and Alla Stepanoff.

The forwards—Amy Wong, skipper Margaret Sanders (taking time off from cricket), Winnie Hule, Betty Choa and Adeline Heah.

—Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

ENGLAND & YUGOSLAVIA  
DRAW 2-ALL IN  
HARD-FOUGHT MATCH

Arsenal Stadium, London, Nov. 22.

England and Yugoslavia drew 2-2 after a hard-fought battle here this afternoon. England had led 2-1 at the interval.

By holding England to a draw, Tito's men accomplished what no other Continental team had done in a full international. France once drew during the war in a representative game.

The Yugoslavs themselves would be the first to admit that they were extremely lucky to force the draw. Both their goals came from defensive errors by England and, indeed, the first of them came from the boot of England's centre-half, Leslie Compton.

England played the better football and should have been more than one goal in front at the interval. They were faster than their opponents, their positioning was better, their passing was more accurate and they were altogether the better team. For all that they never got right on top of the Yugoslavs, who, though weak in attack, defended magnificently.

## BALLET DANCER

In their goal was the 23-year-old Dalmatian, Vladimir Berna, who when not saving goals for his country is a ballet dancer. His off-the-field profession enabled him to produce some spectacular and acrobatic saves and it would not be too much to say that Tito's team owed the division of the spoils to this brilliant performer.

England, playing first-class football, much better than they had done in the World Football Championships, should have opened the scoring in the 15th minute when the outside-right had a fierce drive blocked by one of the backs.

After the Yugoslav counter-attacks had missed a golden opportunity four minutes later, Berna made an amazing one-handed save from centre-forward Lofthouse in the 23rd

minute. This same English player got his revenge, however, a minute later when he drove in a fine pass from Medley on the left-wing.

It was the same players who gave England their second goal in the 35th minute, Lofthouse heading in from Medley.

Five minutes from the interval Compton pushed a weak centre from the outside-right Ogilvie into his own net, and the Yugoslavs were only one goal behind at half-time.

Play in this half had been of the highest order but it deteriorated in the second. England had a lucky escape four minutes after the resumption, when a drive from Ogilvie found England's left-back Eckerley in its way.

After this there was little of note on either side until Berna brought off one of his astounding saves in the 62nd minute, somehow getting his legs to a header from Lofthouse.

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Week-End  
Softball

The full week-end Softball League programme with roster of umpires and scorers is:

SATURDAY  
JUNIOR LEAGUE  
2.00 p.m. Griffins v Delaware (Plate Umpire Frankie Xavier; Scorer Tony Kwok).

Dragons v Vikings (Scorer Irene Botelho).

3.30 p.m. Blackhawks v Falcons (Plate Umpire George Ribeiro; Scorer Wanda Rodriguez).

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Vern Escoc Challenges  
Jack Gardner

London, Nov. 22.

Vern Escoc, the Canadian Heavyweight Champion, through his manager, Harry Levine, has issued the first challenge to Jack Gardner, the new British and Empire Heavyweight Champion.

According to Mr. Levine, "Escoc is the only fighter to have beaten Gardner, once in five rounds and once on points, and as he is the official champion of Canada I think he is entitled to a match with Gardner for the Empire title."

Mr. Levine added that he wrote to the British Boxing Board of Control on November 15 with a challenge which carries with it a £1,000 side stake.

"I have also cabled Escoc to come over," Mr. Levine said.—Reuter.

MAY FOUR & AFRICA  
Jack Gardner, the newly-crowned British and Empire Heavyweight Boxing Champion, and Don Cockell, the British Light Heavyweight Champion, will probably make a tour of South Africa before undertaking further fights in Britain.

Mr. John Simpson, Gardner's manager, said that the Champion would need a short rest to allow the eye on his face to heal. He would then think about taking the two championships on a tour of South Africa for about three months.

Gardner, who was given a special vacation at his home town of Manchester in 1949, left for South Africa on November 15.

He will be one of the chief supporting bouts to the British Featherweight title fight between the holder, Ronnie Clayton, of Blackpool, and Jim Kenny, of Portsmouth, Scotland.

Bradock's match is in the nature of a test as a possible challenger to Eddie Thomas, the British Welterweight title holder, is expected to arrive in London on Thursday.

Bradock, who recently defeated the former French Champion, Emmanuel Clavel, will most certainly have to wait.—Reuter.

Soccer Programme  
Against Sweden

The following programme has been arranged in connection with the visit of the Swedish Soccer team:

Sunday, December 3  
Sweden XI v Hongkong Club ground 3.30 p.m.  
(Referee: J. R. Ellis; Linesmen: A.G.E. Smith & U. Woo)

Sunday, December 3  
Sweden XI v Combined Chinese Club ground 3.30 p.m.  
(Referee: J.G. Foster; Linesmen: L.G. Young & Galtrey)

Wednesday, December 6  
Sweden XI v Hongkong Combined Club ground 3.30 p.m.  
(Referee: L. Chang; Linesmen: A.E.T. Green & A. Harcourt)

George Lowry On  
Injured List

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Giritsky Again  
Ahead In  
Chess Tourney

Serge Giritsky, the Colony Champion, won his fourth round match against Joseph Taus in the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club on Tuesday night to retake the lead from Eugen Taus who lost unexpectedly to A. Birlukoff.

The former Club Champion, L. Schure, moved up to be bracketed with Taus in second place as a result of a victory over Ray Dunsberry and a draw in his adjourned game with Karl Weiss.











